

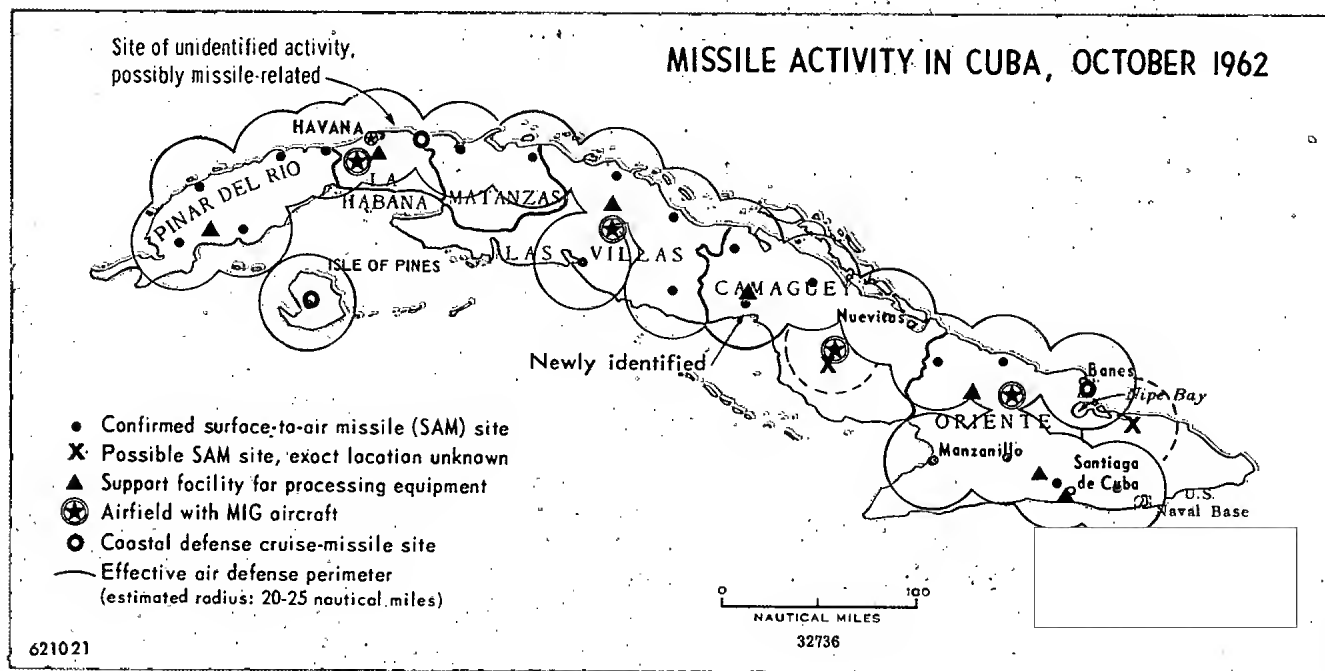
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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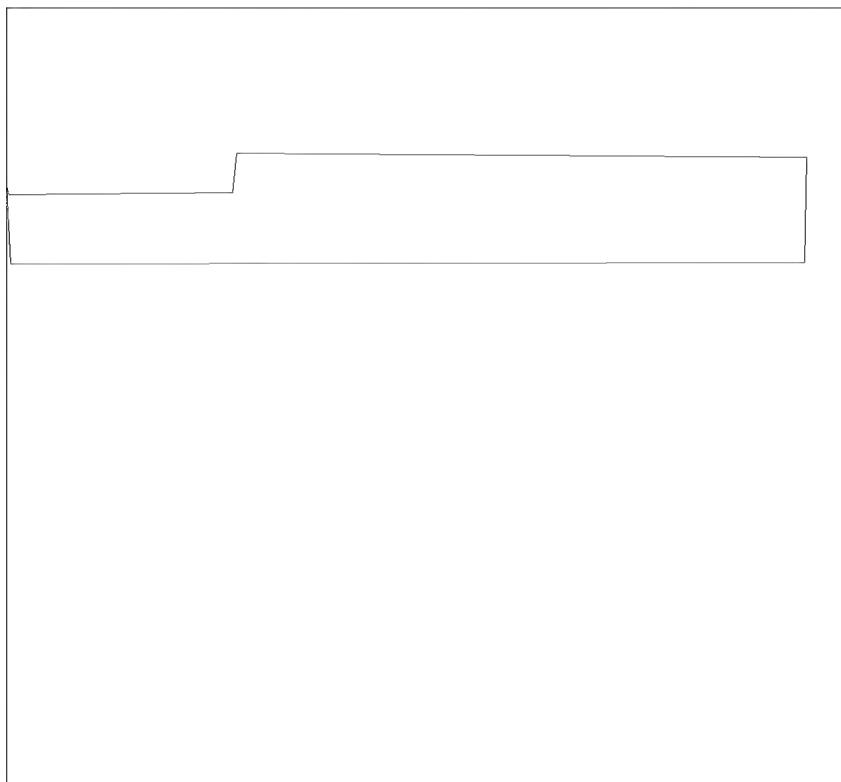


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1. Cuba



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d. Cuban air force activity was stepping up rapidly late last week. We noted [redacted] pilots operating MIGs in [redacted] at San Antonio de los Banos and Santa Clara.

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f. Alpha-66 announced it has put to sea again to harass shipping, particularly British, to Cuba.

2. USSR

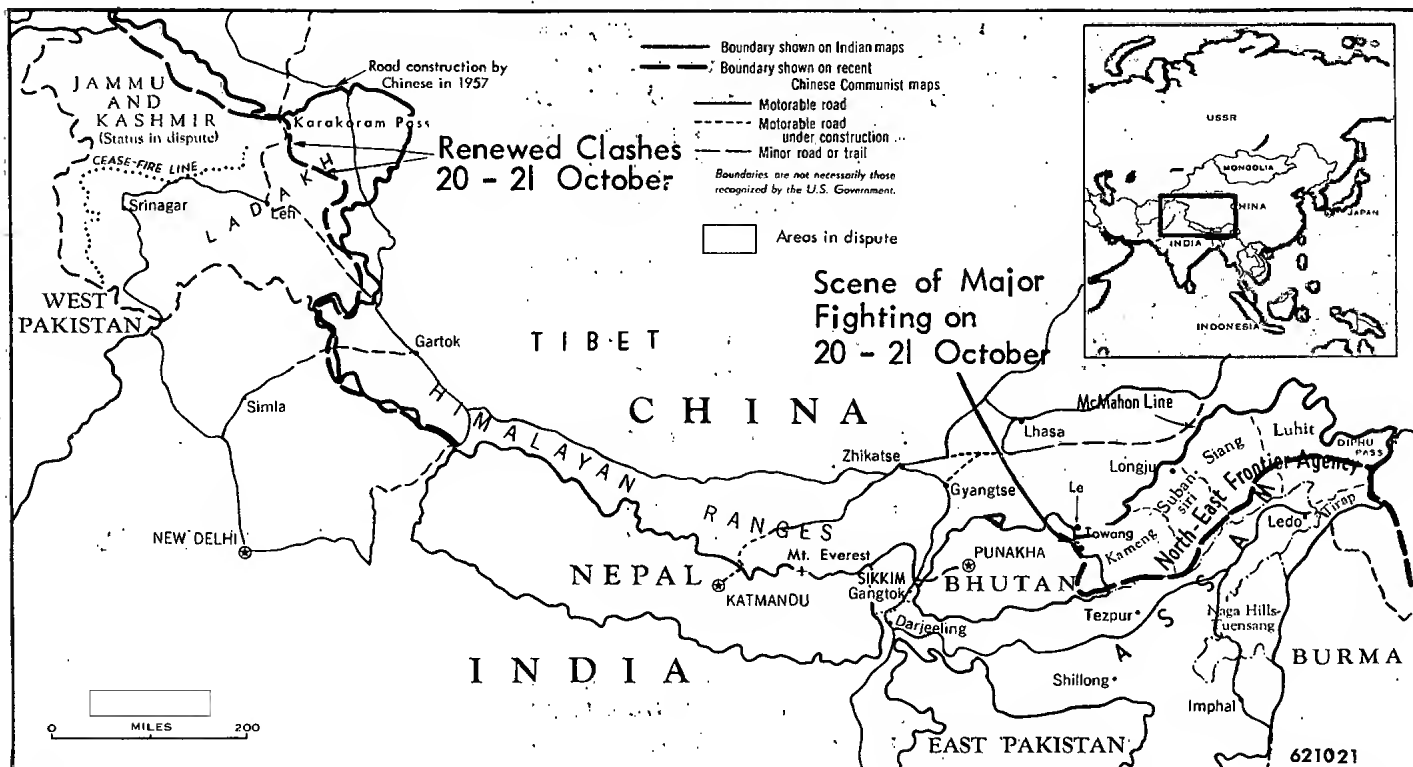
a. A multiple missile launching involving the Kapustin Yar, Tyuratam, and Sary Shagan ranges occurred again in the early hours this morning.

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d. The Soviets yesterday recovered the Cosmos satellite launched from Tyuratam last Wednesday. It was in its 63rd orbit, and, though not manned, was probably related to the Soviet man-in-space effort.

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COMMUNIST CHINA - INDIA BORDER AREA



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3. India-China

a. The Indians will have to act quickly if they are to recoup losses sustained over the weekend before winter stops all action.

b. We are sure they will make the try, even though the logistic problem is a formidable one in both sectors.

c. Neither side has wished to complicate the situation by introducing tactical aircraft; they would probably not be much use in such an area anyway. But both are moving some into position, just in case.

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NOTES

- A. Austria-USSR After earlier giving the Austrians the impression that some sort of association with the Common Market might be acceptable, the Soviets now have bludgeoned them with a "stern warning" on the matter. This new pressure is probably to encourage the government which will be elected next month to reconsider.
- B. Yemen There has been no important change in the military situation; both sides are still building up for a showdown in the north. [redacted] the public commitment of Jordan's King Hussein in support of the Yemeni royalists is having a depressing effect on his prestige and popularity.

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**SPECIAL WATCH REPORT
of the
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD**

The Watch Committee met on 21 October to review the Soviet Bloc military situation in the light of developments in Cuba.

1. We conclude that although Soviet plans with respect to Cuba, and possibly Berlin, may have been timed to coincide with the normal annual training cycle which brings Soviet Bloc forces to the highest state of training in the year, there is no evidence of exceptional measures to increase general operational readiness.

2. We have noted no significant prepositioning or deployment of the Long Range Air and submarine strike forces; however, such moves could be initiated suddenly should the Soviets so desire.

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3. We have no evidence of the alerting of Soviet military forces.

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4. The Soviet Bloc combat air strength in the European Satellite area has increased by approximately 580 aircraft during the last nine months. This continuing buildup, which includes an increase of about 260 percent in the

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number of advanced-model supersonic aircraft, has been accompanied by improvements in the operational proficiency of air crews. While we have noted no significant ground force reinforcement of the East European forward area, such deployments could be concealed under the guise of anticipated further "exercises."

5. We note that the annual training cycle of the Soviet Bloc armed forces reaches its climax late in the fall and it appears that this will be the case this year. Exercises, as are customary, have been conducted by all major commands and components including the Soviet Long Range Air and naval forces. We have noted a gradual but steady trend since January toward improvement of Bloc military capabilities generally and those in the East European forward area particularly. There has been a marked attempt in the forward area to develop the national components of the Warsaw Pact into an integrated force, to improve the capabilities of the Soviet and GDR forces in East Germany and to strengthen the Communist security position around Berlin.

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